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1. RUTH TOLD EMBOFF 11 JUNE THAT MBFR SECTIONS OF DRAFT DPC MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE NEEDED SOME REVISION. RUTH THOUGHT THIRD SENTENCE OF DRAFT PARA 4 MIGHT BETTER READ: "MINISTERS ALSO REVIEWED.. AND AGREED THAT THE FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVE, UNDIMINISHED SECURITY WITHIN A MORE STABLE MILITARY AND SECURITY SYSTEM AT LOWER LEVELS OF FORCES, SHOULD BE ACHIEVED THROUGH NEGOTIATED REDUCTIONS OF NATO AND WARSAW PACT FORCES."

2. RUTH SAID WORD "MAINTAINING" SHOULD BE DROPPED FROM PARA 4 AS IT IMPLIES SATISFACTORY CURRENT BALANCE OF FORCES, A FAVORITE RUSSIAN ARGUMENT IN VIENNA CONFIDENTIAL

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NEGOTIATIONS. RUTH ALSO MENTIONED BRACKETED LANGUAGE

AT THE END OF PARA 5 SPEAKING OF A CURRENT "STABLE MILITARY BALANCE", WHICH SOVIETS COULD MAKE GOOD USE OF IN VIENNA. COMMENT: WE DO NOT SEE THIS LANGUAGE IN TEXT OF PARA 5 REPORTED REFTEL. END COMMENT.

3. RUTH SPOKE BY PHONE WITH RANTZAU OF GERMAN NATODEL DURING EMBOFF'S VISIT, ASKING RANTZAU TO SEEK REVISIONS OF DRAFT COMMUNIQUE ALONG LINES REPORTED ABOVE. HILLENBRAND

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